



TOWN OF LOOMIS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
LOOMIS DEPOT
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD
LOOMIS, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER *7:34PM*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL *All Present-*
Chairperson Thew
Commissioner Arisman
Commissioner Fettke
Commissioner Obranovich
Commissioner Wilson

COMMISSION COMMENTS: *None*

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: *None*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Commissioner Obranovich and seconded by Commissioner Arisman and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

1. MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2010 MEETING

APPROVED AS AMENDED

2. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

RECEIVED AND FILED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Obranovich and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BUSINESS

3. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE 2 RECOMMENDATION ON AGRICULTURAL EIR'S

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and consider the policy option presented by staff and approve a recommendation to submit to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Staff gave a summary of the staff report. The Town Attorney explained how he crafted the language in the draft ordinance. He indicated that he forgot to clarify in the draft ordinance that the word

“subdivision” is meant to refer to a land division where 5 or more parcels are created (major subdivision).

Commissioner Wilson asked if this ordinance would be retroactive for older subdivisions. The Town Attorney said the Commission may wish to include a date within the ordinance where older subdivisions would not be bound to comply with this potential ordinance. Chairperson Thew said that she only wants staff to review potential agricultural uses, not deny agricultural use.

Walt Scherer (3683 Frost Lane) – *Sierra de Montserrat had a historical agricultural use onsite prior to the subdivision being approved. The Town values need to be protected: Since the subdivision was approved, animal husbandry onsite has been eliminated and there are fences installed across wildlife corridors. Would like the Commission to only focus this potential ordinance on when residential is being inserted into an agricultural zone. Look at the effects of inserting residential into agricultural areas and try to protect Town values: agriculture, open space, aesthetic values, clean water.*

Gary Liss (4395 Gold Trail Way) – *The intent of this ordinance was simple: when inserting residential into agricultural land when the new residential subdivision proposes an agriculture use, review of its impacts will need to be conducted. Could be a Negative Declaration for an agricultural project, or some kind of discretionary review.*

Christine Turner (Placer County Ag. Commission); Cindy Fake; Ramona Brockman – *All are opposed to this draft ordinance. Agricultural land uses are in the public’s best interest. Is there really a need for this ordinance? There are not enough farmers in the County as is. The majority or horticultural activities occur in residential-ag. zoned properties. We need more farmers.*

Roger Smith (6755 Wells Ave.) – *Was on OSC-2 & helped write the OSC-2 Final Report. The Town needs a mechanism to review large agricultural operations. Impacts of agricultural use need to be mitigated for.*

Rick Gruen (Placer County Resource Conservation District) – *Informed the Commission that the Resource Conservation District (RCD) is here to help staff and the Town and offer assistance & advice to help with a potential ordinance like this one. There are regulations that all agricultural uses must comply with. RCD helps with Best Management Practices for agricultural uses.*

Commissioner Fettke stated that she is not in support of unfettered agricultural and that the intent was not to encumber agricultural farmers. There is currently zero review by the Town of current of new agricultural uses. Chairperson Thew clarified to those in attendance that this draft ordinance is only for new subdivisions.

Christine Turner – *Passing a policy based on what Montserrat did will only make residents angry. Agricultural uses are not unfettered, there are many regulations (State and Federal). Water quality issues are highly regulated. Maybe this ordinance is unnecessary.*

By way of consensus, the Planning Commission continued this item to the October 19, 2010 meeting.

ADJOURN: 10:05PM